REMARKS

Claims 1-2 and 4-5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bhandarkar et al (US 6,442,977) in view of Bahr, Jr. et al (US 6,223,563). Claim 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter.

In response, applicants have amended claim 6 to overcome the rejection. This included deleting "the deforming step (e)" and adding "the step (e)" to support antecedent basis.

Applicants wish to thank the examiner for indicating that claim 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims. However, applicants believe all claims are allowable as the parent foreign application, which was filed with the Korean Intellectual Property Office on December 31, 1999, predates both references cited by the Examiner. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit herein a certified translation of the Korean application to be made of record.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned in the event of any perceived outstanding issues so that passage of the case to issue can be effected without the need for a further Office Action.

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In the event that any additional fee is required to continue the prosecution of this Application as requested, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 502-470.

Respectfully submitted,

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